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Jocelyn D. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk and Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: Certification of the Use of Universal Service Funds pursuant to 47 C.F.R § 54.314 and
Telecommunications Act § 254(e)
CC Docket No. 96-45

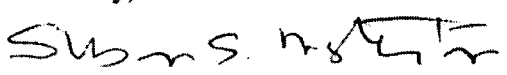
Dear Ms. Boyd:

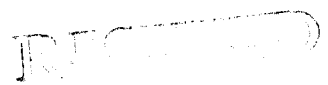
United Telephone Company of the Carolinas d/b/a CenturyLink hereby requests that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") submit a letter to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") verifying that CenturyLink is in compliance with section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act. Attached for filing with the FCC and USAC is an affidavit attesting to the fact that any Federal Universal Service Funds CenturyLink may receive will be used as intended in compliance with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act.

The FCC requires that state regulatory authorities file a letter with the FCC and USAC certifying that rural carriers are in compliance with section 254(e) of the Act by October 1 of each year. If certification is not accomplished by October 1, 2010, federal support for universal service in the areas served by CenturyLink within South Carolina will not be provided for at least the first quarter of 2011. See 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(d). CenturyLink respectfully requests that the Commission accept this letter and the attached affidavit as self-certification that CenturyLink is in compliance with section 254(e), and that the Commission issue a letter to the FCC and USAC prior to October 1, 2010, notifying them that CenturyLink is eligible to receive federal universal service support in accordance with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act and 47 C.F.R § 54.314.

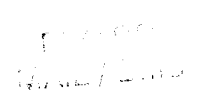
Thank you for your assistance with this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Susan S. Masterton



cc: Zel Gilbert



Affidavit

State of Louisiana

Parish of Ouachita

Company: United Telephone Company of the Carolinas dba CenturyLink
Study Area Number: 240506

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, who, being duly sworn, deposed and said:

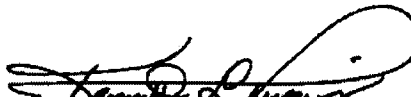
1. My name is Jeffrey Glover, Vice President of Regulatory Operations and Policy, for United Telephone of the Carolinas dba CenturyLink ("Company"). As such, I am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
2. The Company hereby certifies that it will use any federal high-cost support it may receive during 2011 only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



Jeffrey Glover
Vice President of Regulatory Operations and Policy

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 14TH day of June, 2010.



Notary Public

KENNETH L. VINCENT
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: FOR LIFE